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SUBJECT: IFAD SITE AND PRESIDENCY

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1. WE RAISED IFAD PROBLEM WITH DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE MUHAMMAD SAADI JANUARY 18. SAADI AT FIRST APPEARED UNAWARE OF SHIHATA NOMINATION OR OF RENEWED IRANIAN PITCH FOR TEHRAN AS SITE. AFTER TELEPHONE CONSULTATION WITH DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE MANSOUR AL-TURKI, SAADI SAID SHIHATA NOMINATION WAS TO BE MADE FORMALLY BY EGYPTIANS; "THAT IS OUR PROBLEM AND WE WILL HANDLE IT. (THIS WAS BEFORE NEWS IN ROME 0885 THAT SHIHATA NOMINATION WITHDRAWN.) WHILE CLEARLY RECOGNIZING LINK BETWEEN PRESIDENCY AND SITE, HOWEVER, SAADI WOULD NOT BE DRWWN OUT AS TO HOW SAG WOULD HANDLE TEHRAN SITE PROPOSAL (WHICH HE SAID, AFTER TALK WITH AL-TURKI, HAD BEEN "CONDITION" OF \$20 MILLION ADDITIONAL IRANIAN CONTRIBUTION). HE SAID THAT SAG HAD BEEN WORKING ON ASSUMPTION THAT ROME (OR PERHAPS WASHINGTON) WOULD

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BE SITE, SO AS TO DRAW FROM EXISITING ORGANIZATIONS FOR SUPPORT AND MINIMIZE COST. HE SAID HE KNEW OF NO CURRENT PLANS FOR OPEC GROUP MEETING TO COORDINATE VIEWS ON SUBJECT. EMBOFF STRESSED THAT USG WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MOVE TOWARD RATIFICATION, NOR PERHAPS OECD MEMBERS TOWARDS POSITION ON PRESIDENCY AND SITE, UNTIL OPEC GROUP POSITION CLEARER.

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